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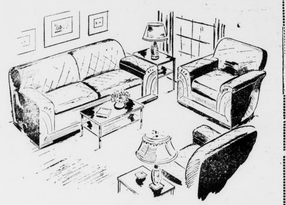

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Gladstone, Feb. 2 - Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Hunter visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Bolton, during the week end.

Miss Anne Taylor has returned to Mary Washington College, Fredericksburg, after spending several days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Taylor.

F. T. Banton has returned to his work here after a recent illness.

Mrs. R. R. Bowman and daughter, Shirley Anne, of Blackstone, are visiting Mrs. Bowman's mother, Mrs. S. H. Thomas.

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Professor Asserts Device Can Prevent Deadly Smog

CINCINNATI. — An Indiana University professor said that a simple electrical device could be used to avoid deadly smogs like that which killed 19 persons in Donora, Pa.

The professor, Dr. Frank T. Gucker, Jr., said the device, known as the Cotterell precipitator, filters factory fumes.

Gucker said the smog frequently found in industrial areas comes when water vapor condenses upon particles of dust and smoke in the air. These particles are known as aerosols.

"These aerosols may be removed rapidly and completely," he said, "by means of a high-voltage electric discharge, which charges the individual particles and draws them over to one of the electrodes where they are deposited."

Italian Midget Submarine Takes Unscheduled Dive

NAPLES, ITALY. — An experimental Italian midget submarine took an unscheduled dive—and it sank. No one was aboard.

The submarine is Pietro Vassena's C-3, a cross between a watch pocket submarine and a diving bell. It is 25 feet long and 4½ feet wide shaped like a barrel and equipped with pincers fore and aft to grapple for treasures on the floor of the sea. It carries two men.

The inventor, who tested it at Lake Como, said it could go 2,400 feet underwater and stay there 20 hours.

Vassena brought it here to dive in reported 2,700 foot depths between Naples and Capri.

While being towed it went under suddenly and sank in 330 feet of water within 40 seconds.

Life Average Of Americans Climbs to 67

NEW YORK.—Life expectancy in America today is at an all-time high of 67 and still advancing, although at a somewhat slower pace than formerly. If a woman gets to be 65, she can expect to live almost to 80 on an average; a man somewhat less.

The sexagenarians have become America's new glamor kids.

They are getting almost as much attention in the papers as the teen agers. That's a lot of attention.

Teen agers always have been with us but only in recent decades have their elders accepted so generally the proposition that they dress differently, act differently, and have different codes and problems that are well worth studying and humoring.

The sexagenarian also has been with us always, but never in such numbers as now.

You have the actuaries' word for it that he is on the increase. The American population in general is growing older. One estimate is that 10 million of us are 65 years old or older now, and that by 1980 the number will be 21 million out of a 150 million total.

Worry About Support

People who worry about tomorrow are figuring right now how such a percentage of oldsters can be supported in the style to which they will then be accustomed. They are trying to dope out the effects of such a trend on taxes, industry and politics.

The medical profession, having fought to a standstill some of the diseases of childhood and youth, is swinging the spotlight from pediatrics to geriatrics, the study of the aged. Heart disease and cancer, the bane of later years, are present targets.

At Baltimore, a United States public health service unit is trying to find how to make people live out normal lives as vigorous, useful citizens. An association for successful aging has been formed.

The dictum that life begins at 40 once was novel. In the depression, good will groups labored to prove that men out of a job at that age are material for re-employment.

"Stick to Be 60"

Now nothing less than "it's stick to be 60" would be likely to command attention. Experts say premature retirement brings about speedy incapacity and death, and that older employes are capable and trustworthy.

The theorists are thinking less about pensions and more about opportunities for continuing work and usefulness. Old folks proved themselves in the last war as a real labor reserve.

A radio network program titled "Life begins at 80" is trying to steal the show from the quiz kids.

It's no wonder, as a result of all this, that individual oldsters command the limelight.

Interviewing centenarians on how to be 100 is an old sport. Lately it's got to be a fad.

"Moderation in everything' seems to be the standard reply. But here are lots of others, like—"Maybe because I wear two petticoats." "I've been a faithful smoker." "Be seriously ill for a start." "Be interested in doing all possible for everybody." "Lots of work." "Never worry."

Doctors Seek Causes of Cancer in Science Field

NEW YORK. — The new things science is making for comfort and pleasures may be causing so ne of the increase in cancer, Dr. John R. Heller, Jr., of the National Cancer institute reported.

To find out, he told the annual society of the American Cancer society, a new kind of research laboratory is being set up at Georgetown University Medical school. This laboratory will study environment's role in cancer.

Nearly all the known causes of cancer, said Dr. Heller, are external—they are things man comes in contact with in his work or his community. They do not come from his own body.

This, he added, has caused suspicion that search will uncover many more external causes of cancer.

"Industrial progress," he said, "has been marked by many new substances contributing to the comfort and pleasures of life. But these same substances have been adding a whole new spectrum of poisons to man's hazards."

Stormy Weather Increases Petty Thievery in Chile

TEMUCO, CHILE. — Stormy weather was blamed for a series of petty robberies in Temuico, Chile, which police seemed unable to stop. Residents of the town thought the trouble might be due to the small number of policemen on duty, or to the fact that on wet and stormy nights these guardians are wont to find sheltered spots and there pass the time. The police view: "Those who go out with the object of raiding poultry yards generally do so during wet and stormy weather."

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Father Darkleaf's Column

by chr

Many people find pleasure in the hobby of keeping up with the activities of old classmates. Some even keep up a correspondence and on occasion visit those with whom they attended school. Father Darkleaf has never done much at this. We have had such a grind of routine since school days that we just never get around to finding out whatever happened to Tom, Dick and Harry. Further we have made many visits to the old schools themselves. We put in our first two years of high school at Culpeper, Va., and then graduated at Portsmouth's Wilson High School. Then we fought for and won a degree at the University of Richmond. Which brings us to recall some of our classmates. We have read a copy of an Alumni Bulletin and are well fortified with data.

Two of the ablest students there of our student days have lived up to fondest expectations. One was Warren Chappel, one of the most gifted young men it has been my pleasure to know. He went on to study abroad and fashioned a new style face, Lydian, and is one of the smooth illustrators of the nation. Another was a skilled debater and scholar, J. Hillis Miller. He was a fraternity brother and aided me in music and journalistic activities. He is now president of the University of Florida.

A. Stephen Stephanian was one of my debating partners in a tilt with Johns Hopkins University. He now heads the Department of Sociology at the University of Arkansas. Yet another was Horace Edwards, recently mayor of Richmond and at present candidate for Governor of Virginia. And there was Jesse Dillon, now in Governor Tuck's cabinet.

Cabell H. Phillips worked with me on student papers. He is now of the big time, with the New York Times. Up in "Jasper Hall" there was an able ministerial student by the name of Ed Pruden. He is now pastor of the Baptist Church in Washington where the Presidents worships. Ed pronounced the invocation at the recent inauguration.

We played on the tennis team with Yates McDaniel. He was the AP correspondent to leave Japanore when the Japs moved in.

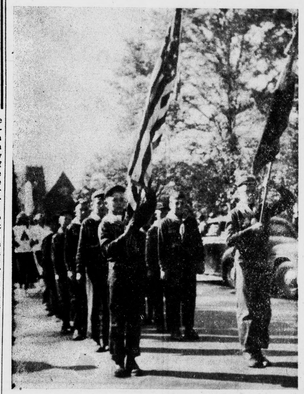
We could name them by the dozen! Including two sophomores up Potter Hall, from Appomattox, the name of Abbitt.

And now our high school classmate, Dick Esleeck, is back there as head football coach.

We'd also like to get data on a few of the youngsters your editor taught during his two years of teaching English and Science During the war years we read of some of these lads, as lieutenants and captains in the service. And one of the boys" has a fine assignment in Venezuela; another in Mexico.

The point of this bit of meandering is to suggest that you keep old school annuals and pictures. There may come a day when you'll be proud to point to an old classmate and say, "I knew him when...."

Local Pack of Cub Scouts



Boy Scout Cub Pack 46 will celebrate Boy Scout Week February 6 to 12. February 8 was the 39th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America and is celebrated by the Scouts and Cubs as the birthday of this movement.

The Appomattox Cub Scouts will have special den activities. They attended services at Memorial Methodist Church last Sunday morning. Some of their handiwork is on display in a local store window.

The Pack has grown from 8 Cubs and a Den Mother two years ago, to the present enrollment of 22, and three Den Mothers. They have participated in a number of civic events. At present they are engaged in making bird houses and bird feeders.

TEEN AGE CLUB MEETS

The last meeting of the Jolly Teen Agers was held in the home of Dr. Twyman Williams. After the business meeting, the club surprised Mrs. Herman Schweizer with gifts celebrating her birthday. Refreshments were served and enjoyed by all. The next meeting of the club will be held March 8 in the home of the Rev. R. Carl Maxwell, Girls interested in joining the club are welcome. —Reporter: June Holt.

NEW CLUB FOR GIRLS

The members of the Friend Seekers Bible Class of the Mt. Comfort Church will present a minstrel, "At Coon Holler School," on Saturday night, February 12, 8 P. M., at the Oakville School. Fun for the whole family. Proceeds of this program will go toward building Sunday School rooms. Admission 25c and 50c. Hot dogs, drinks, candy, etc. will be on sale.

Jock and Beanstalk Take Back Seat to "Bean Queen"

SWAMPSCOTT, MASS. — Jack and the Beanstalk had nothing on Mrs. Lucy D. Nickerson, "bean queen of the Church of the Redeemer, Methodist here.

Ever since Mrs. Nickerson called off a church supper because no Yankee church supper is proper without beans — which were too scarce and too costly—the Church of the Redeemer has been receiving generous gift sacks of beans from various parts of the country.

The latest gift, a 100-pound sack from the Elkhorn Cooperative Farm Products of Elkton, Mich., brought the total poundage of free-gift beans up to 350.

COLORED DOTS

Services will be held at the Canaan Baptist Church, Sunday, February 13th, Rev. I. Volley will be the guest speaker.

STC Alumni Asked To Meet

All the local alumni of Farmville State Teachers College are invited to meet at the high school cafeteria on Tuesday, February 15, at 8 o'clock.

Visitors from the college will be guest speakers.

NAMES A. L. PITTS

Judge Joel W. Flood has appointed A. L. Pitts to be commonwealth's attorney for Buckingham County, to fill out the unexpired term of Mr. Hubbard, who resigned the office this week.

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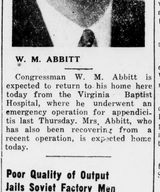

W. M. ABBITT

Congressman W. M. Abbitt is expected to return to his home here today from the Virginia Baptist Hospital, where he underwent an emergency operation for appendicitis last Thursday. Mrs. Abbitt, who has also been recovering from a recent operation, is expected home today.

Poor Quality of Output Jails Soviet Factory Men

MOSCOW. — Soviet courts have handed out prison sentences of five and seven years to factory managers who produced goods of poor quality, according to the Soviet press.

The newspapers carried a special communique to the prosecuting attorney's office listing seven cases in which factory officials were given stiff penalties for failure to make their production meet standards of quality.

Other cases were listed as under investigation.

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Home Agent's Schedule For Next Week

Home Demonstration Agent's schedule, week of Feb. 14-19:

Monday, February 14.- The Bethany Home Demonstration Club will meet at 2:00 P. M., at the home of Mrs. Hunter Martin, The demonstration will be on reading house plans, and will be given by the leader, Mrs. J. P. Paulette, and the home agent, Mrs. B. G. Anderson.

Tuesday, Feb. 15.- The Appomattor Home Demonstration Club will meet with Mrs. Ivey Holland at 2:00 P. M. The demonstration, reading house plans, will be given by the club leaders, Mrs. D. E. Caldwell, Jr., and Mrs. L. C. MacKenzie.

Wednesday, Feb. 16.- The Wreck Island Home Demonstration Club will meet at 2:00 P. M. with Miss Kate Davidson and Mrs. J. R. Horsley. The demonstration on reading house plans will be given by club leaders Miss Kate Davidson and Mrs. C. E. Carson, Jr.

Thursday, Feb. 17.- The Liberty Chapel Home Demonstration Club will meet at 2:00 with Mrs. Paul Thornhill. The demonstration on reading house plans will be given by Mrs. Mollie Sue Garrett and Mrs. Preston Coleman.

Friday, Feb. 18.- The Oakville Home Demonstration Club will meet at 2:00 P. M. with Mrs. Harry Lacado. The demonstration on reading house plans will be given by Mrs. C. D. Lewis and Mrs. Edgar Martin.

High School Chatter....

Hi!

Snow is just about gone! But winter isn't, and maybe we'll have some more.

The students taking the driving course are progressing slowly but surely. They hope to have learner's permits by the end of this week. Don't worry for they haven't started driving the car yet. They have another month to study the text book.

Some news of the A. H.S.'ians: Why is Alice a little on the lonely side these days? Could it be because Jerry is in the Army now? Why does Billy brighten up when some one calls him "Trey"? We don't know exactly, but he might know a cute girl by that name! Why was "S's" so gay on Friday? Might have been a very nice letter she received. Why does Fay like to stay in Miss Holley's room? We are sure it is the recording machine. Why were Billy, Sara F. and Sam A. so mysterious this week over a letter? May have been from a girl they met this summer. Why does Evelyn like the cadet uniforms? A little bird told us it was because of a certain Bill. Why is Harry always late for geometry? Is his alibi right—that a little girl cries to play snowballing?

George Watson is back at school after an absence of several days.

We got our report cards Monday. Half of the term is gone! We'll have to work extra hard the next semester.

There's to be a Canteen this Friday night, sponsored by The Home Economics Club. It is a Valentine party, we hear. So let's all come and maybe our Valentine will be there!!!

The school has collected $107.00 for the March of Dimes campaign. Swell going, students.

The "personality" last week was David Ferguson. This week our personality is a girl. She is in the 10th grade—has brown hair - brown eyes,—about 5' 6" tall,—is vice-president of her class,—very artistic—likes sports and dancing. Her dream boy has brown hair and brown eyes. (resembles Fred, doesn't it?) Closest girl friend, Barbara. These are all the clues! Now guess who! Don't wreck your brain- if you haven't guessed by next Friday, we'll let you know. We gotta go! So - long.

Tax Assessors To Be Named For County

TO NAME ASSESSORS

JUDGE JOEL W. FLOOD

Judge Joel W. Flood is expected to designate five assessors shortly to make the re-assessment of real estate in Appomattox County which is required every four years. The County Board of Supervisors has submitted recommendations to the circuit court judge. Three will be appointed for the three magisterial districts of the county, and two for the two incorporated towns.

The assessors will probably begin their work early in March.

The supervisors plan to request that a specialist recommended by the state tax department come here and aid the local assessors set up procedure for the re-assessment.

The assessors will work as a group of three for the districts and as a group of two for the towns.

At the monthly meeting of the supervisors yesterday, it was indicated that there will be no change in the county tax rate of $2.15 per hundred this year. The 1949 tax will be based on old assessments, the re-assessed figures not being used until 1950.

The county is now at work on its budget for the fiscal year, and when completed it will be offered for hearings before adoption.

March of Dimes Fund Passes $1,200 Mark

Approximately twelve hundred dollars has been raised in the Appomattox County March of Dimes campaign, it has been announced by T. DeWitt Evans, fund chairman. A special March of Dimes square dance is to be held on Friday night of this week at Club Appo and this event will doubtless add to the total already reported.

Mr. Evans states that the drive this year has been one of the most successful ever held in the county.

Mrs. J. Raymond Lawson, treasurer for the campaign, reports that $1,168.19 is already in hand. $474.16 was contributed through the schools of the county; $467.79 was placed in coin collectors distributed over the county; $168.35 was collected from letters mailed out by W. S. Taylor; and 752.00 was received presented by personal gifts.

Supervisor Mozella J. Price collected $154.00 in the Negro schools.

A donation of $50.00, made by a local physician, represented the largest individual contribution.

Town Names Maintenance Manager

It was announced this week that Robert J. Wooten has been named general maintenance manager for the town of Appomattox. He will assume his duties next week. Mr. Wooten is a veteran of World War II. His principal duties will be care of the town's streets, sanitation and maintenance of the sewage plant.

THE "WEE WISDOM" CLUB

On January 28, Mrs. Herman Schweizer organized a club for the young girls of Appomattox, known as the "Wee Wisdom" Club. Ages are from 10 to 12 years. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Sam Evans. Officers are:

President, Ann Evans; vice-president, Betty Robertson; secretary, Mary Watt Stanley; treasurer, Betty Mitchell; hostess, Shirley Morris; corresponding secretary and reporter, Jane Holt.

LIONS CLUB

The Appomattox Lions Club will meet tonight at 6:45, at the Lee Restaurant.

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'Merci' train from France makes stops in Virginia.

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Bond Sales For January

During the month of January Federal Savings Bond sales in Appomattox County amounted to the total of $25,193.00, it was reported this week by the Treasury Department.

Deadline For Crop Reports

FEBRUARY 15 IS DEADLINE FOR 1948 ACP REPORTS

Farmers of Appomattox County who have not made a report of practices carried out under the 1948 Agricultural Conservation Program have only a few days, Bennett Harding, chairman of the County ACA Committee, repeated that Tuesday, February 15, is the last day on which the county office may accept reports of 1948 performance.

Mr. Harding said that his office on January 31 mailed letters to all farmers who had not made a report by that time as a final warning of the February 15 closing date. He said that the office will be open Monday through Friday, from 8:30 A. M. until 5:00 P. M. for taking performance reports. Farmers who bought lime, fertilizer, or seed for use under a 1948 ACP practice payment should bring with them receipts or tags as evidence of such purchases.

R. T. Gilbert

Mr. Robert Thomas Gilbert, 83, died last Thursday at his home on Route 3, Appomattox. Funeral services were conducted Friday, with burial in the family cemetery.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Irene Davidson Gilbert; five sons, T. U. Gilbert, of Greensboro, N. C.; R. A. Gilbert, R. T. Gilbert and P. E Gilbert, all of Lynchburg, and R. M. Gilbert, of Appomattox; and six daughters: Mrs. Mertis Bush, Mrs. M. A. Blackburn and Mrs. J. A. Talisferris, all of Lynchburg; Mrs. W. A. Agee, of Buckingham; and Mrs. T. H. Trent and Mrs. John Robert Ferguson, of Appomattox; and twenty-six grandchildren and twelve great grandchildren.

Active pallbearers were: Bill Rush, Tom Rush, Edward Trent, Howard Gilbert, Berkley Ferguson and J. T. Ferguson.

Card of Thanks: We desire to express our appreciation for the kindness and sympathy of our friends during our recent bereavement.

—Family of Mr. R. T. Gilbert.

Auto deaths thus far in state in 1949 alarmingly high.